



# BOSTON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

The Boston Food Policy Council's (BFPC) board is responsible for the direction of the council and the implementation of the BFPC's Advocacy Agenda. BFPC Board members will be selected based on their ability to represent different backgrounds, neighborhoods, and food system sectors, their dedication to improving the Boston Food System, and their capacity to meet the Board commitments. The membership selection process shall strive to consider racial, gender, socioeconomic, generational, ethnic, and geographic diversity.

## Board Member Requirements

- Must be a resident of and/or work primarily within the City of Boston
- Must be 16-22 years old if applying for the Youth Engagement seat
- Must be able to commit to attending quarterly board meetings every three months
- Must be able to commit to attending meetings for one or more Work Groups

## BFPC Board Members Roles/Responsibilities

- Active participation on one or more Work Groups or Committees
- Identifying key issues, and set board direction and priorities for the BFPC
- Educate policy makers and the public
- Formulation and oversight of policies and procedures
- Review of organizational documents and reports from Work Groups
- Promotion of the BFPC
- Identifying fundraising and partnership opportunities
- Attendance at quarterly BFPC Board meetings

*((Please attach a resume/CV with your application))*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this board opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us why you would like to become involved with the BFPC, including any previous engagement with the Mayor's Food Policy Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Board Seat Descriptions

*This new configuration is based on stakeholder input from previous BFPC meetings. There are twenty seats on the Boston Food Policy Council. Five seats are reserved for representatives of various City of Boston offices: The Mayor's Office, Office of Food Initiatives, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Department of Neighborhood Development. The following seats are open to the public, and represent different sectors and issues in Boston's food system.*

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- **Health, Nutrition, and Wellness**

- Board member should have a background or interest in nutrition and food as it relates to health, public health (governmental or non-governmental), dietetics, and/or fitness
- *Examples: nutritionists, dietitians, doctors, nurses, public health officials/advocates*

- **School Food**

- Board member should have a background or interest in food for K-12 schools in the City of Boston, farm-to-school procurement, healthy options for students, and/or food and nutrition education
- *Examples: teachers, nurses, nutritionists, food service directors, cafeteria workers, school officials*

- **Retail and Enterprise**

- Board member should have a background or interest in the production and sale of food, and food in the City of Boston
- *Examples: food trucks, grocery stores, small food businesses, established food businesses in COB*

- **Environment and Sustainability**

- Board member should have a background or interest in environmental issues and advocacy, agricultural sustainability, climate change, food waste, and/or energy efficiency
- *Examples: environmental activists, scientists, green businesses, permaculturists*

- **Anti-Hunger and Food Security**

- Board member should have a background or interest in combating hunger and food insecurity in the City of Boston, anti-hunger initiatives, anti-poverty and homelessness advocacy, and/or public assistance
- *Examples: food bank/pantry, nonprofit, faith-based organization*

- **Farmer's Markets and Direct Sales**

- Board member should have a background or interest connecting food producers with consumers, and increasing access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food
- *Examples: farmers markets, co-ops, farm to table, CSA's*

## Board Seat Descriptions (Cont.)

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- **Urban Agriculture**

- Board member should have a background or interest in urban farming and gardening in the City of Boston, land use and planning, and/or landscape architecture
- *Examples: urban farmers, landscape architects, non-profit urban agricultural organizations*

- **Labor and Workforce**

- Board member should have a background or interest in the City of Boston's food industry workers, advocating for safe working conditions, livable wages, fair treatment, and creating jobs
- *Examples: union representatives, food industry workers/advocates*

- **At-large (*four seats available*)**

- Board member should be a representative of their respective community within the City of Boston, and be knowledgeable of food related issues within that neighborhood

- **Food Justice and Advocacy**

- Board member should have a background or interest in food justice and equity, public policy change, advocacy, community organizing, and/or racial equity for Boston's communities of color
- *Examples: community organizers, activists, lobbyists*

- **Colleges and Universities**

- Board member should have a background or interest in food from a research or academic perspective, representing one of Boston's many colleges or universities, or an affiliate organization
- *Examples: professors, students, researchers*

- **Youth Engagement**

- Board member must be between 16 and 22 years old, and have a background or interest in food policy within the City of Boston

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**Which board seat(s) are you applying for? (Check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health, Nutrition, and Wellness  | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Agriculture                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Sustainability   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Justice and Advocacy                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Food                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor and Workforce                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Hunger and Food Security    | <input type="checkbox"/> Colleges and Universities                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Markets and Direct Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> At-large ( <i>four seats available</i> )            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail and Enterprise            | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Engagement ( <i>must be 16-22 years old</i> ) |

Are you a resident of the City of Boston? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Board members **MUST** be residents of and/or work primarily within the City of Boston)

If yes, please check which neighborhood you reside in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allston                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fenway Kenmore | <input type="checkbox"/> South End                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Bay                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyde Park      | <input type="checkbox"/> West End                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay Village                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica Plain  | <input type="checkbox"/> West Roxbury                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beacon Hill                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mattapan       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (ex. Egleston, Fields Corner) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brighton                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Dorchester | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlestown                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Hill   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinatown/Leather District | <input type="checkbox"/> North End      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dorchester                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Roslindale     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Roxbury        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Boston                | <input type="checkbox"/> South Boston   |  |

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*All demographic information in this section is optional*

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Age ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-23 ☐ 24-30 ☐ 31-45 ☐ 46-60 ☐ 61-75 ☐ Over 75

Race/Ethnicity ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ Native American or American Indian ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Prefer not to say

Have you ever experienced food insecurity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you consider yourself to be disabled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say			<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	

Are you a veteran of the U.S. military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you think is the most important issue facing Boston's food system?

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Please list any professional skills you could bring to the BFPC Board (Research/Writing, Public Relations, Fundraising or Grant Writing)

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Please list any previous Board experience:

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The Board meets in the BRA Board Room in City Hall every three months, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, requiring a total commitment of at least 4 board meetings per year. Regular attendance is important. Are you able to make a commitment to attend board meetings on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The members serve on one or more BFPC Work Groups. Committee meetings vary, and may meet quarterly, monthly or as necessary to respond to emerging issues. In addition, there are a number of leadership roles Board members assume, including Board Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairpersons for the Work Groups. Would you be willing to serve on Work Groups, and assume leadership roles as needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Certification Statement: By signing this application, you certify that the above information is accurate and true.

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Name

Date

*Equal opportunity will be afforded to all applicants regardless of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, ex-offender status, prior psychiatric treatment or military status.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Boston Food Policy Council. If you have any questions, please email [Food@boston.gov](mailto:Food@boston.gov)*

All applications **MUST** be submitted to the Office of Food Initiatives by March 18th, 2016.

Please return completed form to:  
The Mayor's Office of Food Initiatives  
Email to: [Food@boston.gov](mailto:Food@boston.gov)  
OR  
Fax to: (617) 635-4540

